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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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RE: FOIA-2019-00922

Dear Ms. Best:

This is in response to your request dated May 30, 2019 under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") seeking access to the following information:

1. Internal reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to Anonymous or hacktivism;
2. Reports from the appropriate IT (Information Technology) or computer offices regarding possible cyber attacks by Anonymous or other hacktivists;
3. Reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to or mentioning Anonymous or hacktivism sent to or received from any federal law enforcement or intelligence agencies or any fusion center;
4. Incident reports investigating possible hacking activity falling within the office's jurisdiction and allegedly carried out by members of Anonymous or other hacktivist groups;
5. Materials generated as a result of any suspected or actual compromise, breach or "dox" (revealing of personal or private information) by Anonymous or other hacktivists.

Your request cannot be processed due because the FTC is not required to fulfill requests that would place an unreasonable burden on the agency. When a record includes exempt and nonexempt information, the agency will take "reasonable steps" to "segregate and release nonexempt information." 16 C.F.R. § (a)(1)(iii)(A). But when doing so would impose an unreasonable burden on the agency, the agency need not segregate nonexempt information and may instead withhold the information in full.¹ Searching for and manually reviewing the voluminous amount of records in the FTC's possession would constitute an undue burden on the agency.

Once you have corrected the above deficiencies, please submit a new request. You may submit this request via email to FOIA@ftc.gov, via mail to Freedom of Information Act Office H-585, Office of General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, or by facsimile to (202) 326-2477. This is a final determination and

¹ See *Ayuda, Inc. v. FTC*, 70 F. Supp. 3d 247, 276-77 (D.D.C. 2014).

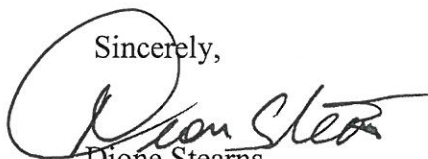
your request for information has been closed. When we receive your corrected request, we will open a new file for you.

This is the final action on this above-numbered request. If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may appeal by writing to Freedom of Information Act Appeal, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, or via email at FOIAAppeal@ftc.gov, within 90 days of the date of this letter. Please enclose a copy of your original request and a copy of this response.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from the FTC FOIA Public Liaison Richard Gold via telephone at 202-326-3355 or via e-mail at rgold@ftc.gov; or from the Office of Government Information Services via email at ogis@nara.gov, via fax at 202-741-5769, or via mail at Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740.

If you have any questions about the way we are handling your request or about our FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Mark Brier at 202-326-3699. In any call or future correspondence concerning the request, please refer to the following case number FOIA-2019-00922.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dione Stearns", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Dione Stearns

Assistant General Counsel